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wherein said polypeptide comprises at least eight amino acids and less than 50 amino acids, wherein said selected CTL epitope maintains an XaaLeuXaaXaaXaaXaaXaaXaaVal or XaaLeuXaaXaaXaaXaaXaaXaaXaaVal motif,

with the provisos that (a) when said selected CTL epitope is SLMAFTAAV (NS4₁₇₈₉₋₁₇₉₇; SEQ ID NO:34), then said polypeptide comprises from at least eight amino acids to less than 25 amino acids, (b) when said selected CTL epitope is LLALLSCLTV (Core₁₇₈₋₁₈₇; SEQ ID NO:2) then said molecule comprises at most ten amino acids, and (c) when said selected CTL epitope is DLMGYIPLV (Core₁₃₂₋₁₄₀; SEQ ID NO:54), then said molecule comprises at most nine amino acids.

-- 66. (New) The method of claim 52, wherein the peptide comprises the sequence which is ADLMGYIPLV (Core₁₃₁₋₁₄₀; SEQ ID NO:1). --

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the rejections is respectfully requested. By the present amendment, claims 22, 52, 56, 58 60 and 62 are amended, and new claims 65 and 66 are presented. Thus, claims 22-25, 30, 32, 36, 40 and 44-66 are under examination. Fees are paid in accordance with the transmittal of the Continued Prosecution Application.

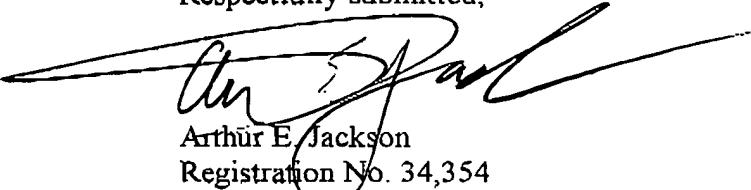
New claim 65 corresponds to claim 22, but with the following additional recitation: "wherein said selected CTL epitope maintains an XaaLeuXaaXaaXaaXaaXaaXaaVal or XaaLeuXaaXaaXaaXaaXaaXaaXaaVal motif." This recitation finds support at page 44, lines 9-14. The amendments add no new matter.

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Applicants respectfully submit that, pursuant to MPEP 706.07(b), any Office Action issued in response to this filing should not be made final.

Prompt Examination is requested.

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